

CHAPTER 15

SIGNAL WHISTLE

15-1. **GENERAL.** The signal whistle emits an audible signal to rescue ships or personnel. One each whistle shall be attached to each PFD and to each hypothermia protective garment (survival suit).

NOTE

Life jacket, work vest, antiexposure suit, and survival suits include a whistle attached to the zipper.

15-2. **CONFIGURATION.** The signal whistle (see Figure 15-1, page 15-2) is made of plastic with a lanyard attached for easy access and to prevent loss.

15-3. **APPLICATION.** The signal whistle is used to attract attention of rescue ships or personnel in foggy weather or at night. Whistle range is 1,000 yards.

15-4. **INSPECTION.** Signal whistles shall be inspected during the normal inspection cycle of the equipment (such as the PFD or hypothermia protective garment) to which it is attached. Do the following to inspect the signal whistle:

- Ensure side discs of whistle are neither loose nor missing. Check whistle for cracks and damaged ball. Replace damaged or defective whistles.
- Blow whistle normally (regular exhalation), then with forced exhalation. Replace the whistle if it fails to emit a highly audible sound.

NOTE

The signal whistle must be tethered to the PFD or hypothermia protective garment. Nylon cord shall be seared at both ends to prevent fraying.

- Attach the whistle to a grommet installed on the garment using a 36-inch length of Type I nylon cord. A bowline knot should be used to secure the ends of the cord to the whistle and the grommet.

15-5. **PROCUREMENT.** Order the following items by their appropriate NSN.

- Signal Whistle (NSN 8465-00-254-8803).
- Type I Nylon Cord (NSN 4020-00-240-2145).

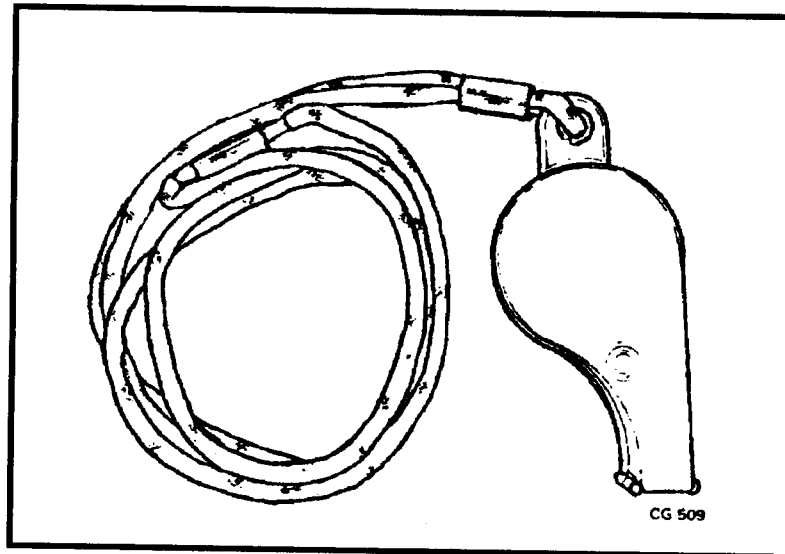


Figure 15-1. Signal whistle